

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claim 12 has been canceled.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner indicated that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 12. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that amended claims 1 and 8 be allowed.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 11, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent Publication No. EP 0631923 to Willibald (hereafter "Willibald"). Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 12 and, thus, amended claims 1 and 8 are allowable. Claims 2, 5-7, 11, and 13 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 and for the specific limitations recited therein.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Willibald. Claim 4 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Willibald in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,588,105 to Schmitz et al. Claim 4 depends from claim 1 and is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 and for the specific limitations recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is allowable and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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